

B-3334 - B-3341

1840-1875/1920's

1044-1000 Light St. (West side)

Baltimore, Md.

Private and semi-public access

The west side of the 1000 block of Light St. has a number of quite interesting and unusual buildings. 1040-1044 Light St. is a typical group of three story, two and three bay wide brick buildings with shed roofs and bracketed cornices which has always served a mixed commercial/residential function and dates from the 1870's. At 1036-1038 Light St. there is the McHenry Theatre, an Art-Deco style brown brick structure built in the 1920's to serve as one of three neighborhood movie houses, the other two of which are now gone. The original interior of the theatre is still intact, with community plans underway to reopen it as a movie theatre, but the old lobby area has been converted into two modern storefronts. At 1024 Light St. Public School #15 survives in its original Tuscan Revival form, two stories high, six bays wide with a low-pitched gable roof running perpendicular to Light St. with deeply projecting eaves supported by thin wooden brackets. The first floor area of the building has been converted into a modern storefront. Across Poultney St., to the north, at 1022 Light St. is a typical three story, three bay wide combination commercial/residential structure with shed roof and bracketed cornice dating from the early 1850's (it originally had a gable roof). At 1016-1020 Light St. there is a group of three story, two bay wide brick houses with gable roofs built in the early 1850's and currently used as both residences and storefronts. To the north, at 1008-1014 Light St., stands the large two and a half story, three bay wide, brick Queen Anne style Salvation Army Building, which was built as a Friends Meeting House in the 1870's. Finally, at 1000-1006 Light St. there is a row of two and a half story, late Federal style brick houses built about 1840 by John S. Gittings and others. All of the houses retain their original exterior form except for 1000 Light St. which has been enlarged and is now three stories in height with a shed roof and bracketed cornice. All of the first floor areas of this group of houses have been converted to modern storefronts.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1000 Light St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

___ STRUCTURE

___ SITE

___ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

___ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___ IN PROCESS

___ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

___ UNOCCUPIED

___ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

___ YES: UNRESTRICTED

___ NO

PRESENT USE

___ AGRICULTURE

☒ COMMERCIAL

___ EDUCATIONAL

___ ENTERTAINMENT

___ GOVERNMENT

___ INDUSTRIAL

___ MILITARY

___ MUSEUM

___ PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___ RELIGIOUS

___ SCIENTIFIC

___ TRANSPORTATION

___ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☒ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE _____**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This three story, two bay brick house with shed roof and bracketed cornice represents an enlargement of the original two and a half story house built on this site in 1838. The first floor store-front area has been modernized, but awaits renovation.

The house is three stories in height, about 14 1/2' wide, and occupies a lot 70' deep. The house is two rooms deep and there is a two story high, six bay deep rear addition, with a one bay wide and deep third story section. The house occupies the south-west corner of Light and Hamburg Streets and the rear additions extend back along Hamburg St. to the end of the lot. The house is constructed in running bond. The shed roof is capped by a wooden cornice consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding decorated with a row of cut-work scallops, set above panels decorated with scroll-sawed motifs and bordered by a row of quarter-round carvings and a row of incised dentils. Two end brackets support the cornice and at one time connected it to a lower molding strip which is now missing. Two scroll-sawed ventilating panels punctuated the brick frieze area formed between the cornice and the lower molding strip, but they have been covered over with plain wood panels. There is a single covered chimney located along the north side of the center section of the roof. There is also a hooded rear end chimney located at the end of the first four bays of the rear addition.

The second and third floor window openings have flat wood lintels and brick header sills. All of the window openings are filled with 2/2 double hung sash. The first floor store-front area has been modernized in recent decades. There is a centrally located glass and panel door flanked by two plate glass windows set in projecting bays covered with rustic wood siding. The wood siding facade extends around the corner of the store-front for one bay's width. A cornice constructed of vertically set strips of wood siding, flaring out from the top of the store-front to a projecting shed roof above, extends across the entire width of the store-front, along both the Light St. and Hamburg St. facades. The entrance is reached by one stone step.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1838 (original)

BUILDER/ARCHITECT John Thompson

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

See under 1002-1006 Light St.

The original house on this site was built by John Thompson for John S. Gittings, with money advanced to him by Gittings. The first owner-occupant of the house was Henry Reitz, a relative of the glassblower Lewis Reitz. Henry Reitz operated a restaurant at this location in the late 1840's and early 1850's.¹ The house seems to have been enlarged by Lewis and Philip Reitz, sons of Lewis Reitz, both glasscutters, who inherited the property in the 1860's.²

¹Baltimore City Land Records, Liber TK 344, Folio 14; Baltimore City Directory, 1842, 1849-50

²Ibid., JB 1021, Folio 332; B.C.D., 1872

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 14'8" x 70'**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

DATE

5/79

STREET & NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ruxton

STATE

Maryland 21204

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PROPERTY

B-3341
1000 Light Street
Block 0934A Lot 001
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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1000 Light St.

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East and north elevations